#### The African Chamber of Commerce of the Pacific Northwest

### invites you to attend

# 11th Annual Africa Day Business Forum and

#### **Celebration Dinner & Auction**

# Celebrating 11 years of Developing Business Partnerships Between Africa and the Pacific Northwest

WHAT: The Africa Day Business Forum and Celebration Dinner & Auction offer a unique opportunity for attendees to interact with other civic, business, NGO and distinguished African Dignitaries promoting trade between Africa and the Pacific Northwest. The Celebration Dinner will be a stimulating and enjoyable evening of food, beverages, entertainment and guest speakers as well as an auction with unique African and Pacific Northwest items.

WHEN/WHERE: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Africa Day Business Forum and Celebration Dinner & Auction

Africa: Open for Business

# Red Lion Hotel on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle, Washington

# Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

BUSINESS FORUM TOPICS INCLUDE: - US-Africa Trade Capacity & Development Assistance

- Abounding Business Opportunities in Sub-Saharan Africa
- How to initiate trade relationships between Africa and the Pacific NW
- The Overseas Private Investment Corporation and Business in Africa
- Financing Resources for African Transactions
- Regulatory Aspects of Doing Business in Africa with an Update on AGOA
- World Bank Projects for Africa
- Agriculture: Planting the seeds for Growth and Prosperity
- Telecommunications and IT
- Renewable Energy for Africa

- Sustaining the African Workforce
  SPEAKERS & SPECIAL GUESTS: Congressman Jim McDermott—U.S. Member of Congress
- His Excellency Prof. Perezi K. Kamunanwire—Ambassador of Uganda
- His Excellency Ombeni Y. Sefue Ambassador of Tanzania
- Constance A. Hamilton—Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Rep. for Africa, Exec. Office of the President (Invited)
- Mr. Kevin Boyd—Director, Office of Africa, U.S. Depart. of Commerce
- Ms. Alison Germak OPIC Representative
- Dr. Skip Rowland—Executive Director, Urban Enterprise Center
- Mr. Tony Carroll—Vice President, Manchester Trade Ltd
- Mr. Tim Schipke—President & CEO, Export Finance Assistance Center of Washington
- Mr. Rick Angiuoni Regional Director for Africa in the Strategic Initiatives Division, ExIm Bank (invited)
- Mercy Karanja—Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Merlin America (medical relief, lasting healthcare)

#### TIME & COST:

#### Registration Deadline

Forum & Lunch: 9:00am – 4pm \$60

Celebration Dinner & Auction:7pm-10pm \$60

Forum, Lunch and Dinner/Auction Event: \$110

Cost of Attendance Increases \$10 After October 31, 2009

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